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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO BOUMEDIENE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF RICHARD
PARKER TO ALGIERS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS MR. RICHARD PARKER TAKES UP
HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES INTERESTS
SECTION IN ALGIERS, I WANT TO REAFFIRM MY HOPE THAT OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL CARRY FORWARD THE VERY BENEFICIAL
DIALOGUE WHICH BEGAN WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S
VISIT TO ALGIERS LAST DECEMBER AND YOUR VISIT TO
WASHINGTON THIS PAST SPRING. I RECALL OUR MEETING
AT THAT TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MR. PARKER'S
PRESENCE IN ALGERIA WILL SERVE OUR RELATIONS WELL IN
CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

AMONG THE MANY AREAS IN WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE
A COMMON INTEREST IS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I KNOW THAT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
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ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS GOAL. I RENEW MY

ASSURANCES THAT IT REMAINS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THAT ALGERIA AND THE

UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A RELATIONSHIP
BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, CAN WORK TOGETHER IN THE
DIFFICULT TASK OF NEGOTIATING A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT.
SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS WITH
YOU ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA. I WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT I WELCOME YOUR COUNSEL AS WE PROCEED WITH EFFORTS
TO BRING ABOUT A LASTING PEACE. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. END QUOTE.

3. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED TO USINT. REQUEST YOU
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